



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES
of Connecticut

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE
GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
REGARDING SB 727
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I am Paul W. Brady, Executive Director of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Connecticut (ACEC/CT), representing over 90 engineering firms providing independent engineering services to the public and private sector.

On behalf of ACEC/CT, I would like to testify in opposition Senate Bill 727, AN ACT CONCERNING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST UNDER THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND STATE EMPLOYEES.

Section 3 of the bill would prohibit public officials and state employees and their families from receiving one thousand dollars or more from any state contractor that derives five percent or more of its revenue from state contracts. While we support efforts to avoid conflicts of interest, we have member firms whose employees are married to state employees. Usually, these state employees are not in agencies in any way related to the state contractor. For example, an engineering firm may have an employee married to a clerical employee at the state Department of Social Services. There is no conflict of interest, but this bill would cause one or the other to lose his or her job.

Thank you for your consideration and I would be happy to answer any of your questions.

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